

Ms. Mary Nichols  
Chair, California Air Resources Board  
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Re: AB 32 Draft Scoping Plan and Appendices

Dear Ms. Nichols:

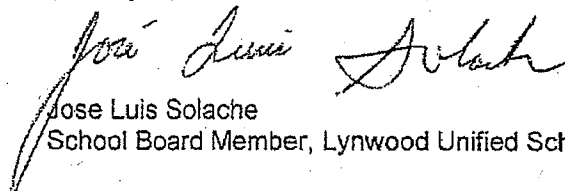
As a representative on the Lynwood Unified School District Board of Education, I am elected to represent the needs of our thousands of students and families. Because of that I have made every effort to stay involved and informed in the process of implementing AB32. I realize that AB32 can be the right legislation that will not only lead our state to curb the amount of greenhouse gas emissions that are emitted into our environment and help our communities be cleaner and healthier for our future generations, but also become the model that will lead the rest of our Nation. I've reviewed your draft plan as well as the appendices and I am still concerned about one main issue.

I have to applaud your work thus far. I can only imagine how difficult it must be to find the right path to implement this complex policy and listen to the many interests and constituencies that have submitted letters, phoned or visited your office. With that said, I must comment on what is to me the simplest of all requests considering the type of policy you are trying to implement and the severe consequences it can have and hardships it can cause on so many Californians. I was not able to find in any of your documents an economic analysis that provides us a realistic cost for implementing AB32 and reaching the goals set forth. There are statements made that there are many economic benefits and some of those mentioned are the health benefits and potential cost savings, but I'd like to see exactly what our parents' utility costs might be in the next 2 years once AB32 has been implemented and we've mandated the larger utilities to reduce their GHG emissions or purchase the available credits.

I am shocked that considering all that the state is dealing with right now with the Governor signing executive orders that are terminating jobs and properties going into foreclosure and families having to choose between a rental movie or food, that this economic analysis was not a priority item for you and your organization. Our communities are suffering right now, we are hurting and if we are going to have to pay for the betterment of our environment and long term sustainability of our communities, it is only fair that we know what that cost is going to be and how we are going to be supported to address it.

I will always support the goals and vision of AB 32, but at this time, it is hard for me to support your vision towards implementing this wonderful policy. Please take the time and provide us with a more realistic cost analysis and submit a plan that will achieve the goals of AB32 but won't inflict financial burdens on our communities and families.

Thank you,

  
Jose Luis Solache  
School Board Member, Lynwood Unified School District

